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1. Dalvneshtrans<sup>1</sup> is an official Soviet transportation organization operating in Manchuria and North Korea. The main office is in Harbin, with branch offices in Mukden, Manchouli, Mutanchiang, Suifenhao, Antung, and Pyongyang.
2. The director of Dalvneshtrans is Zotov (fnu), who is a member of the Ministry of Finance, U.S.S.R. In late 1950 he replaced Mikhail Gavrilovich Pakhomov, who returned to the U.S.S.R. shortly before the arrival of Zotov in Harbin. During 1948 Pakhomov had arrived from the U.S.S.R. to replace Major Ivan Mikhailovich Saratovskiy,<sup>2</sup> of the Soviet Army, as director of the organization. Saratovskiy was in charge of Dalvneshtrans from late 1945 until he returned to the U.S.S.R. during 1948.
3. The assistant director and all the heads of the branch offices of Dalvneshtrans as well as approximately 20 members of the main office in Harbin are Soviet government employees on assignment from Moscow. The personal chauffeur of Zotov, the director, is Vorobev (fnu), who arrived in Harbin from the U.S.S.R. about late 1948. He also performed the same duties for Pakhomov, when he was director.
4. The organization has its own fleet of trucks, all of which were left behind by the Soviet Army when it withdrew from Manchuria after World War II. They include a large number of 5-ton Studebaker trucks and Japanese Isuzu and Nissan trucks. All the trucks and equipment are under the control of the main office in Harbin and assigned to the branch offices in accordance with their requirements.

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5. Dalvneshtrans also has special arrangements with the Chinese Government for the use of the Chinese railroads and waterways for the transportation of materials in Manchuria and North Korea.
6. The organization handles the distribution in Manchuria and North Korea of materials from the U.S.S.R., including agricultural equipment, water pipe, electrical motors, tractors, ZIS trucks, Pobeda passenger cars, gasoline, and military equipment, including rifles and ammunition. The organization also handles the shipment to the U.S.S.R. from Manchuria of foodstuffs, including vegetables, rice, flour, and sugar. Dalvneshtrans maintains a close working relationship with the Churin Company, whose head office is in Harbin.<sup>3</sup>

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1. According to available information, as of May 1953, Dalvneshtrans was a branch of the Soviet Ministry of Transport and had its headquarters in Harbin. It was in charge of trans-shipment operations on the Soviet-Manchurian border at Manchouli and had previously been in charge of the Harbin municipal transport system.
2. According to other available information, Colonel Ivan Mikhailovich Saratovski was head of Dalvneshtrans in Harbin in 1947.

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as of January 1954 the Churin Company handled arrangements for the procurement and shipment to the U.S.S.R. from China of large quantities of foodstuffs and that through Churin such items as farm implements and trucks were obtained by Churin from the U.S.S.R.

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